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SUBJECT: MAY 15 BORDER SHOOTING INCIDENT

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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1. SUMMARY. AT COMMISSIONING OF NEW CHINESE- DONATED EXTERNAL RADIO SERVICE SHORT WAVE TRANSMITTERS MAY 25 (A-54), PRESIDENT ELABORATED ON HIS MAY 22 STATE HOUSE DINNER THEME OF DELIBERATE RHODESIAN SHEPHERDING OF INNOCENT U. S. AND CANADIAN TOURISTS INTO BARREL OF GUN OF SENTRY TO BE SHOT (LUSAKA 956). SAID SOUTHERN AFRICAN COMMUNICATION' S MEDIA HANDLING OF THIS AND OTHER RECENT INCIDENTS WITH LIES AND DISTORTIONS DEMONSTRATED NEED AND DUTY OF ZAMBIA TAKE COUNTER- MEASURES AND INFORM WORLD OF TRUTH. END SUMMARY.

2. AT CEREMONY WITH SIHANOUK AND CHINESE VICE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS KUO LU AS HONORED GUESTS ON PODIUM, PRESIDENT
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SAID: GRZ HAS AWAKENED TO " CRUEL REALITIES OF SAVAGE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE WAGED AGAINST ZAMBIA." PEOPLE MUST KNOW THE TRUTH. MASS COMMUNICATION " VITAL FIRST LINE OF ACTIVE DEFENSE." EVENTS OF PAST FEW DAYS DEMONSTRATES WHAT RACIST REGIMES PLAN TO DO AGAINST ZAMBIA WITH POWERFUL INSTRUMENTS OF MASS COMMUNICATION. WE HAVE WITNESSED RACISTS FLYING INTO ZAMBIA TO BOMB A VILLAGE AND PLANT LANDMINES, " TRIGGER HAPPY FORCES OF OPPRESSION" FIRING SHOTS INTO ZAMBIAN TERRITORY TO CLEAR WAY FOR PLANTING MORE LANDMINES (LUSAKA 945). WE HAVE SEEM THEM " PICK ON FOUR POOR INNOCENT NATIONALS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, IN FACT CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE AMONG MOST FRIENDLY TO US IN WEST, AND LITERALLY SHEPHERD THESE INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO BARREL OF GUN OF LONELY SENTRY FOR HIM TO SHOOT AND KILL." AFTER STAGING THESE HORRIBLE AND FIENDISH ACTS, RACISTS USED THEIR MASS MEDIA TO LIE TO WORLD AND FOR SOME TIME SUCCEED IN DECEIVING WORLD. SAD PART IS THAT TWISTED TRUTH BELIEVED BY SOME INNOCENT PEOPLE ABROAD. ZAMBIA OWES DUTY TO WORLD TO PROVIDE TRUTH ABOUT THESE ACTIONS OF DESPERATE MEN.

3. PRESIDENT THEN STARTED TO SPEAK OF THE TWO CANADIAN GIRLS KILLED, BUT BROKE INTO TEARS, AS IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR HIM. AFTER FOUR- MINUTE PAUSE HE SAID: " WE DO NOT WEEP BECAUSE WE ARE WEAK BUT BECAUSE WE DEALING WITH MEN WHO ARE MORALLY WEAK AND SUNK SO LOW. THEY PROFESS TO BE CHRISTIANS WHEN THEY ARE SAVAGES. THEY BEYOND POINT OF REDEMPTION AND CAN ONLY BE SAVED BY CONFLAGRATION."

4. CONTINUING PREPARED TEXT, KAUNDA SAID: " I SAY WITHOUT FEAR OF CONTRADICTION THAT CANADIAN GIRLS AND COMPANIONS WERE SHEPHERD TO DEATH BY RACISTS TO IMPRESS WORLD DURING VISIT OF UNSYG TO ZAMBIA." VICTIMS KILLED AND INJURED BECAUSE RHODESIANS AND SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORTERS PLOTTED THEIR DEATHS IN HOPE THAT MASS COMMUNICATIONS OF RACIST WORLD WOULD TARNISH INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF ZAMBIA AND IMPROVE THEIR OWN. WORLD MUST KNOW THE TRUTH. " IN ALL THEIS RACIAL LUNACY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, ZAMBIA STANDS FIRMLY ON SIDE OF SANITY AND NON- RACIALISM. NO PRICE TOO HIGH TO PAY FOR THIS STAND."
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